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"HAI CHU" DISASTER High Tribute To Morale Of Chinese Troops NAVY RETURNS

IT WAS FAIRLY WELL ESTABLISHED LAST NIGHT THAT NOT LESS THAN 1,000 LIVES WERE LOST IN THE "HAI CHU" WHEN SHE STRUCK A MINE IN THE CANTON RIVER ON THURSDAY MORNING, AND THE TOTAL DEATHROLL MAY YET BE FOUND TO HAVE EXCEEDED 2,000.

TWO BRITISH NAVAL VESSELS, A MOTOR LAUNCH AND A MOTOR FISHING VESSEL, WHICH WENT OUT AT DAWN, RETURNED AT ABOUT 7 P.M. LAST EVENING WITH 22 FURTHER SURVIVORS, TEN OF THEM INJURED AND REQUIRING HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

Some of the survivors first picked up were put ashore at Taipei and Sha Kok, and others were brought to Hong Kong, so that precise calculations are not yet possible, but it is estimated that of all those aboard only about 350 were saved.

Figures given of the number of officers and men of the 8th Army on board vary between the originally provided figure of 1,700, and 2,600.

SURVIVORS' STORY

The excellent morale of the Chinese troops on board and their immediate and effective measures to render first aid to the injured, even before the possibility of immediate rescue was evident, was commented upon by Mr. Lou Benueh, one of the survivors of the disaster, when interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday.

Mr. Benueh said that the Chinese troops, who were nearly all below decks, had little chance of escape as the underdecks were immediately flooded by a rush of water.

He was, himself, in the saloon having breakfast when there was a sound of an explosion, that seemed to him to be far away, followed by a shudder and an upward heaving movement.

He rushed down to his cabin to inform his cabinmate, a Chinese. The latter jumped immediately to the door, and he found the door in his hand in water before he managed to force this open and climb on to the roof.

Mr. Benueh had been in Canton on business for 20th Century-Fox. The "Hai Chu" left Canton at 4 a.m. He only managed to obtain passage on the strength of his I.K.V.D.C. uniform as the vessel had been requisitioned by the Chinese military to carry troops down to Hong Kong.

IBLOOD OUT OF A STONE

TOKYO, NOV. 9. THE ALLIED REPARATIONS COMMISSION HAS BEGUN DIGGING INTO THE COMPLEX PROBLEM OF HOW POVERTY-RIDDEN JAPAN CAN PAY HER REPARATIONS FOR THE COLOSSAL DAMAGE SPREAD BY HER ARMIES.

All members, except the United States Commissioner, Edwin Pauley, who is en route here, met with Brigadier-General Richard Sutherland, General MacArthur's Chief of Staff, and planned future meetings with leading Japanese officials. Shortly thereafter the group will leave on a 46-day tour of Japan.

The Commission's dual jobs will be to total up the damages and determine what of Japan's few remaining assets can be used for payment, including possibly Emperor Hirohito's fortune and Japan's factory machinery.

The United States Commission members are expected to do most of the spade work on the amount of reparations to be demanded but it is understood that Russia is planning its own investigation of reparations for damages done in Manchuria. Associated Press.

ARAB HINT

Cairo, Nov. 9. Important decisions on the aspect of the Palestine problem will be taken by the Arab League on Saturday, the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Azzam Bey, told Reuters after today's sitting of the League Council. Reuters.

Tokyo, Nov. 9. It was stated here today that a Tokyo company began a ten-year job of salvaging 50 Japanese merchant ships sunk by American planes in the west coast of Hokkaido in the final weeks of the war. Associated Press.

H.K. EXCHANGE BANKING

It was officially announced yesterday that with effect from Monday, November 12, 1945, the note-issuing banks will buy sterling on a T.T. basis from other banks at not more than 118.132, and they will sell sterling on a T.T. basis to other banks at not less than 112.2732. This means the resumption of exchange dealings with the sterling block.

SKIPPER PRAISED

The Norwegian skipper of the vessel, Capt. R. Thorbjornsen, behaved in an admirable manner, restoring order from the original panic within a few minutes.

There were only three women on board, all Chinese, and they were among the first to be pulled up on to the roof of the saloon. One of them nursed her baby through the most trying first few minutes.

The actual explosion occurred at 9.30 a.m. (Canton time). There were craft in the vicinity, but the rescue operations involved several hours, sampans first picking up those struggling in the water. The ship keeled over, breaking in two, one part gradually settling down on a sand-bank and slowly sinking. There were about 100 to 200 people lost from the vessel.

STRONG EBB-TIDE

Those struggling in the water had to battle with a strong ebb-tide that gave little chance to a poor swimmer. Many were injured in the explosion and these were among the first to be pulled up on to the roof, where they were attended to by Chinese soldiers, who worked, stoically, natively and efficiently. The injured included many with sprained limbs.

The experience was not Mr. Benueh's first of peril at sea, as he was one of a party who went on Palm Sunday, 1938, when a yacht was capsized in a small off-shoot of the Canton river. They had already drifted for four hours to the region of Cheung Chow before being picked up.

The junk in which he travelled back to Hong Kong reached harbour at 2 a.m. yesterday and his latter part of the journey, too, was not uneventful as there was a fire-alarm on board.

UNDER LUCKY STAR?

Although Mr. Benueh did not give the details to the "China Mail" reporter, his record of escapes runs something like this: 1937: Wounded during the Sino-Japanese hostilities in Shanghai.

1938: Four hours adrift on a canvased yacht.

1939: Fell down a lift shaft in Hong Kong.

1941: Went through Hong Kong's 1941 Battle in a company which suffered severe casualties.

1945: The "Hai Chu" disaster.

Soviet Pressure On Turkey Feared

WASHINGTON, NOV. 9. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON OVER A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS RANGING FROM JAPAN TO TURKEY APPEARED TO BE FARTHER FROM SUCCESS THAN OFFICIALS HERE HAD HOPED FOR.

THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT FOREIGN COMMISSAR MOLOTOV HAS TURNED DOWN THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR AN ALLIED CONTROL AGENCY IN TOKYO WHICH WILL BE SUBORDINATE TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON AND THAT SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES WAS UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE FURTHER.

Control Of Capital

LONDON, NOV. 9. BRITAIN'S LABOUR GOVERNMENT WAS REPORTED TODAY TO BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT TO PARLIAMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS A BILL FOR SETTING UP A COMMISSION FOR THE INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL.

Reports in this connection in the London press state that plans for the creation of a National Investment Board, which forms part of the Socialist programme of the Clement Attlee Government, were under consideration by the Cabinet.

The Bill would give Government rights to distribute capital while it might be needed. Associated Press.

SHIFTING MEN HOME FROM EAST

A TOTAL OF 49,100 SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AT PRESENT STATIONED IN INDIA, BURMA OR THE FAR EAST WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO BRITAIN IN ROYAL NAVY SHIPS BETWEEN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND MARCH NEXT YEAR.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, stated this in a written reply in the House of Commons to Mr. Low (Conservative, Blackpool) and he gave the following details:

November—15,700; December—12,700; January, 1946—6,300; February—8,100; March—6,300.

The Under Secretary for Air, Mr. Strachey told Mr. Tom Driberg (Labour, Malden) that the number for transport services from the United Kingdom to India is now more than four times greater than it was on V-E Day.

The number of transport aircraft in the Air Command, South-East Asia, has increased by 45 since V-Day, he added, while in addition a number of bomber and maritime squadrons in South-East Asia have recently been employed on transport and supply duties. Reuters.

The "Arawa"

The a.s. "Arawa" docked at Kowloon last yesterday with 797 passengers from Shanghai.

Some 93 men and women for Australia and New Zealand will disembark here; the rest are for the United Kingdom, and are to be supplemented by Hong Kong passengers.

Embarkation times for local passengers have been postponed three hours.

DOLLAR'S SHARP RISE

THE HONG KONG DOLLAR ROSE SHARPLY YESTERDAY ON THE EXCHANGE MARKET BOTH AGAINST THE CHINESE NATIONAL DOLLAR AND AGAINST UNITED STATES CURRENCY, AS WELL AS IN POKHARA AND LOWER AGAIA.

C.N.\$1,000 could be bought yesterday evening for \$6.40, the lowest quotation of the day for Chinese currency being at 10.30 a.m. when H.K.\$10 was asked.

H.K.\$1 could buy C.N.\$1.129 at closing market quotation.

United States dollar bought only H.K.\$0.20 at yesterday's closing black market exchange quotation. 21 Sterling could be bought for H.K.\$15.50 and 21 Australian for H.K.\$10.20.

The dollar was falling out of the black market during the day, best grade opening at \$1.00 a catty retail and closing at 75 cents. Peanut oil opened at a new low price of \$2.20 a catty retail and closed even lower at \$1.90 a catty.

Bank rate a further 20 cents to \$5.60 a catty, a marked decrease since the first of the month from \$4.80 per catty. Hong Kong fell 20 cents to \$2.00 per catty. Duck fell a further 50 cents to \$2.50 per catty.

GERMAN REPARATIONS

A large distribution of German assets among the countries claiming reparations will be discussed at a conference which opens here today. Reuters.

DARDANELLES A LIVE ISSUE

(By Reuters' Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, NOV. 9. THE 20-YEAR-OLD TURKISH-SOVIET TREATY OF NEUTRALITY AND NON-AGGRESSION, WHICH WAS FORMALLY DENOUNCED BY MOSCOW ON MARCH 25 THIS YEAR, HAS NOW EXPIRED. THE FACT THAT NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS TO REPLACE THE TREATY GIVES RISE TO SPECULATION ABOUT THE NEXT STEP IN SOVIET-TURKISH RELATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF THE DARDANELLES.

In June this year the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara, M. Vinogradov, visited the Turkish Government with a note believed to have contained Russian conditions for revision of the treaty.

Essential conditions were reliably reported to have been alteration in the administration of the Straits, assuring a privileged position to Russia in return for return to Russia of the districts ceded by Russia to Turkey in 1921.

The Turkish Government made it plain that the conditions were not palatable, since when there has been no news of progress towards any new instrument of agreement between the two nations.

Both the British and American attitude on the future of the Dardanelles is known to be that the status of the Straits—held down by the international convention of Montreux on July 21, 1936—can be altered only by international agreement and cannot be subject to bilateral pacts between Turkey and any other power.

The Turkish Government has repeatedly emphasized that any revision of the Montreux agreement would only be acceptable if it respects the dignity of Turkey, and, after the Bix-Three meeting at Potsdam, it was stated that the three governments should each make known their views on the revision of the Straits to the Turkish Government.

The United States alone of the Big Three has communicated its views to Ankara in a note delivered last week-end.

Contents of the note have not yet been published but unofficial Washington reports suggest the American proposal may be for Turkish sovereignty rather than for internationalisation of the Straits.

The British Government is known to be considering whether to send a note containing its views to the Turkish Government, but in any case the British attitude will remain in support of deciding the future of the Straits by international discussions.

There seems no prospect, therefore, of the formal lapse of the Soviet-Turkish Treaty producing any immediate sequel, since the question of the Straits must clearly remain one of the cornerstones of any new definition of Turkish-Soviet relations. Reuters.

Jack Can Still Have His Monkey

LONDON, NOV. 9. THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, REFUSED FLATLY DURING QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO DENY THE NAVY ITS "TRADITIONAL AND SIMPLE PLEASURE" OF IMPORTING PETS.

In this particular case, they were monkeys, the importing of which was deplored by Mr. Moore, Conservative Member for Ayr, because of the lack of suitable food and climatic conditions.

"I am making no reduction on the kindly hearts of the British sailors," Mr. Moore added, but I am merely trying to indicate that this climate is foul for such animals."

Mr. Alexander replied that he was always willing to receive representations. Reuters.

TROUBLE IN THE FAMILY

Lisbon, Nov. 9. Professor Lopes de Oliveira, cousin to Dr. Antonio Salazar, Portuguese Prime Minister, was detained yesterday for scrawling the words "Who says this?" on Government election posters.

The professor is a supporter of the opposition, which complains that the Government is making use of public money for party election purposes. He was released after interrogation. Reuters.

The "all clear" siren that has been heard each recent morning is no longer a signal associated with an air raid. It is now used as a time signal for seven o'clock in the morning.

100 DEAD IN TRIPOLI RIOTS

Cairo, Nov. 9. More than 100 Jews have been killed in the Tripoli riots, according to a British communiqué said today. The bulletin said Tripoli was now quiet.

The death-roll in the rioting in Tripoli, now exceeds 100, owing to the attack at Zaur.

Arabs attacking the Jewish quarter burned houses and the synagogue and killed 80 Jews, including a number of children, according to the Ministry of Information here.

The Jews were killed at Zavia. Gaval where troops opened fire. Yesterday two Jews were killed by a mob at Casabat.

Public demonstrations in Cairo on November 13—Egypt's National Struggle Day—have been banned by the Ministry of the Interior owing to the Kaifour Day riots. The police have been ordered to use all means to disperse would-be demonstrators or political meetings. Reuters and Associated Press.

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Mansergh Demands Surrender Of Soerabaya

BATAVIA, NOV. 9.

MAJOR-GENERAL E. C. MANSERGH, IN AN ULTIMATUM, ORDERED INDONESIANS IN SOERABAYA AND OTHER EAST JAVA AREAS TO SURRENDER THEIR ARMS BY 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY OR FACE "ALL THE NAVAL, ARMY AND AIR FORCES UNDER MY COMMAND."

"INDONESIANS WHO ARE NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW THESE ORDERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLOODSHED WHICH WILL DEFINITELY RESULT."

The Indonesian leaders expressed fears that bloody fighting would ensue for which reason leaders were to be dropped to-day telling the Indonesian people of the reason for the British action, and demanding that they surrender their arms.

GENERAL'S LETTER

General Mansergh, in a letter to the Indonesian Nationalist Government of East Java, said: "You are hereby advised that Allied troops will enter the city and neighbourhood of Soerabaya and other areas of east Java."

"I have been ordered by the Commander-in-Chief of the Netherlands East Indies to disarm the lawless mob, so that the normal life of the city may continue, and to enable the Allied policy of evacuating Allied nationals and disarming Axis forces to be implemented."

"It is my intention to effect this disarmament and restore normal conditions at an early date."

EMERGENCY SESSION

Earlier, when a copy of the leaflet to be dropped was given to the Indonesian leaders they met hurriedly in an emergency session. The leaflet, explaining the British action, said in part:

"On October 28, Indonesians in Soerabaya treacherously and without any reason made a sudden attack on the British army, who had come to disarm the Japanese and to bring succour to prisoners of war and internees and to preserve peace. In the attack some members of the British army were wounded and killed and some are missing. Some women and children internees were killed and later Brig-General Mallaby, Commander-in-Chief of the British troops, was killed horribly while making an offer to stop the fighting, notwithstanding that the Indonesians had promised to cease fire."

SOEKARNO'S APPEAL

President Soekarno of the unrecognised Indonesian Republic has appealed to President Truman and Mr. Attlee to intercede and prevent savage warfare through-out Java.

6,000 EVACUATED

Six thousand prisoners-of-war and internees have been evacuated so far from Soerabaya.

The latest batch included forty Indian civilians as well as four hundred Swiss, Danes and Americans.

It is stated that there are still a number of Europeans, other than Dutch, in the city.

The port is now under the British Indian forces, who have been strengthened by the arrival of further contingents of the 6th Indian Division.

Recurring friction between the Dutch and Indonesians on the outskirts of Batavia is hampering the free movement of goods. The trunk roads leading out of the city.

GURKHA RESCUES

Gurkha troops in Bandoeng rescued a number of Eurasians living in the Indonesian area.

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Pitched Battles Begin In Batavia Area

BATAVIA, NOV. 9. A BAND OF 1,000 INDONESIANS WERE BEATEN OFF BY BRITISH-INDIAN TROOPS AND TANKS NEAR BATAVIA AS TENSION MOUNTED THROUGHOUT JAVA.

ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE DUTCH FORCES THREW BACK ANOTHER ATTACK ON TILILITAN AIRFIELD ON THE SOUTH-WEST OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL AFTER NEARLY AN HOUR OF LONG-RITCHED BATTLE, SCATTERING 300 NATIONALISTS.

Inhabitants of Magelang are reported to be extremely uneasy as armed nationalists gathered in threatening hordes from the outlying areas. British officials said, with many residents already evacuated.

Doctor Soekarno is prepared to leave to-morrow to confer with other nationalists at Jogjakarta, ancient capital of the East Indies, where the nationalists are reported to have 100,000 troops.

British sources say that three attempts to "hijacking" of extremists' elements in a fairly large scale at Bandoeng which is believed to be the headquarters of six divisions of Indonesian troops and, for the first time, British reports referred to the Indonesian army in military terms.

Meanwhile, despite these new outbreaks of violence, a feeling of optimism prevailed in Dutch political circles which seemed to be engendered by new confidence that Britain would aid in restoring law and order.

Although there is no special pronouncement to this effect by the British, Dutch circles said they believed Queen Wilhelmina and the Dutch Government had annulled extremely severe measures Britain had previously said it necessary to take.

The British psychological warfare branch issued a statement over the Batavia radio in which it referred to the "governance" recognised by the British Government over the islands. Associated Press.

The Government of South Africa has set machinery in motion for rounding up and melting out Indians to South Africa's war criminals. Reuters.

Armistice Day Ban In Dublin

Dublin, Nov. 9. Police to-day banned a British Armistice Day parade for Sunday—but the British residents in the city will hold an observance ceremony anyhow. The British Legion Secretary said the police, giving no explanation, had objected to a march through the city. Instead, British veterans of the first and second world wars, will hold a ceremony in a Dublin park. Associated Press.

Anglo-U.S. Agreement Still Expected

WASHINGTON, NOV. 9. AN ANSWER TO THE BRITISH COUNTER-PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM LONDON 48 HOURS AGO, IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS IS EXPECTED AT THE MEETING TO-NIGHT BETWEEN LORD KILGAT, LORD KEYNES, MR. WILLIAM CLAYTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND MR. FREDERICK VINSON, SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

The British statement of policy is understood to be "uncompromising" in tone but the British Delegation officials believe that the negotiations will end by the middle of next week, without the need for intervention by Mr. Attlee when he visits Washington.

The British officials confirm that the Americans are keen to reach an agreement.

It is significant that the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, is keeping fully in touch with developments. Reuters.

Labour Gains In Scotland

GLASGOW, NOV. 9. LABOUR HAS WON MORE THAN 200 SEATS IN THE SCOTTISH BOROUGH ELECTIONS AND THERE ARE STILL SOME RESULTS TO COME FROM ISLANDS AND OUTLYING AREAS.

Results show that 13 towns were gained for the first time, four regained and 13 held.

Labour majorities have been gained in the following towns for the first time: Aberdeen, Airdrie, Bathgate, Buckhaven and Methil, Coatbridge, Dumfries and Galloway, Dunfermline, Dumfries, Inverkeithing, Kilmarnock, Loch Gelly, Paisley, Sanderfoot, while majorities have been re-gained in Dundee, Greenock, Prestongrange and Kilmorych, Arbroath, Cupar, Dalkeith, South Queensferry and Warriston have 100 per cent Labour councils, while in Glasgow Labour won seats in the Exchange, Sandford and Govanhill. Reuters.

Villages Want To Sleep Again

London, Nov. 9. The villages of Salford, Flitting, Cocker, Middleton, and St. George and Middleton One New. Reuters.

Mr. John Strachey, Under-Secretary for Air in the House of Commons, whether he would instruct the Gosport Aerodrome to "close" flying operations after 10.00 p.m. so that the inhabitants of the villages might be allowed a proper night's rest.

Mr. Strachey, Under-Secretary for Air, replied: "I am afraid I cannot do that. This is an important training centre and night flying must be learnt by the public. But we will make every effort to avoid disturbing the inhabitants of Salford, Flitting, Cocker, Middleton, St. George and Middleton One New. Reuters."

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG NOTICE WORKS BRANCH CROWN LANDS

Holders of Permits for the temporary occupation of Crown Land in respect of the year April 1st 1941 - March 31st 1942 who wish to continue in occupation should register for renewal of their permits at the Lands Branch, Civil Affairs (Works), St. George's Building, Chater Road.

New Applications will also be considered.

H. S. ROUSE,
Colonel C.A. (Works).

OWNERSHIP OF HARBOUR CRAFT

All owners and managers of harbour launches and lighters, excluding junks and native craft, prior to 8th December, 1941 are to render a return of the craft owned by them at that date together with particulars of their present location where known to the Divisional Sea Transport Officer, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon by the 17th November, 1945.

Captain W. J. MOORE, R. N. R.,
DIVISIONAL SEA
TRANSPORT OFFICER.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The management of KUNG SHING HONG and Mr. K. B. YIP, the owner of M/V "HUNG FAT YAT" tender their gratitude for assistance given by H.M.S. "GODAVARI" and her Commanding Officer in bringing the above junk back to Hong Kong from St. John's Island (about 80 miles southwest of Mainland).

The "HUNG FAT YAT" left Hong Kong for Swatow on Sept. 30th, and encountered a typhoon 25 miles off Swatow. As a result, the masts and sails of the junk were blown away and the two engines having been damaged by sea water, were completely out of commission. Having been blown by the typhoon and having drifted, she had been lying helplessly anchored at St. John's Island until H.M.S. "GODAVARI" arrived at the vicinity for her rescue.

In particular, we also wish to thank Commander A. P. Collette, R. N. Dockyard and Mr. Brett of the Harbour Dept. who so kindly assisted us in arranging the rescue when the "HUNG FAT YAT" was in distress.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD. CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 10th, November, 1945.

NOTICE

The Special Branch, Civil Affairs (Police), are investigating charges against persons of assisting the enemy to the detriment of the Allied cause during the Japanese occupation. It is hoped that members of the public will assist the Police in their investigation by communicating any relevant facts within their knowledge. Any such information, if not already officially reported to the Special Branch, may be communicated in person to Room 305, Hongkong Bank Building, 3rd floor, or by letter addressed to the Special Branch as above. Any written information should in addition to the facts within the writer's knowledge, contain his or her full name, address and telephone number (if any). An interview will be arranged by appointment as soon as possible after receipt of the communication.

Col. (O.A.)
S. A. SAMBON.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Messrs. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, Appraisers and Surveyors, have removed their offices and auction rooms to the new premises at 10, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong.

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 31 S.S. "ARAWA"

Passengers listed are to note the change of time for embarkation:—

HONG KONG: Assemble at Queen's Pier on Saturday the 10th at 1.15 p.m.

KOWLOON: Assemble at No. 3 Pier Kowloon Wharves at 1.45 p.m.

REPATRIATION OFFICER.
9th November, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 32 S.S. "EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN" FOR CANADA

1. The undermentioned are listed for embarkation:—

Mother St. Ben. Sister Ste. Gertrude, Sister Ste. Fosalie, Sister Ste. Marie Assunta, Miss L. Eichenbaum, Mrs. F. M. Sando, Miss D. E. Woo, Mr. & Mrs. F. Suter & children, Mr. D. O. Russell and Mr. & Mrs. J. Krofta (H.K.V.D.C.).

2. Hong Kong passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier at 9.15 a.m. on Monday the 12th instant.

Kowloon passengers will assemble at No. 5 Pier Kowloon Wharves at 9.45 a.m. to await Embarkation Officer.

3. Passengers must NOT board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation cards, which will be issued at assembly points.

REPATRIATION OFFICER.
9th November, 1945.

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39660 Staff Captain (Mr. C. G. Anderson)
39673 Accountant (Mr. C. O. Nicholson)
39683 General Office
39661

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59700 D.A.D.H. (Kowloon), (Dr. K. C. Yee)
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25484 Supt. of San. Services (Mr. L. Brewer)
21311 Chief Health Inspector (Mr. J. Reid)
50322 Chief Health Inspector (Kowloon), (Mr. R. R. Wood)
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58392 General Office, Kowloon

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50178 General Office, Kowloon

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33190 Biochemist (Major E. G. Eggleston)
32556 General Office

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25701 Sisters Qrt., Queen Mary Hospital
34144 Gen. Office, Queen Mary Hospital
59836 M.O. of Kowloon Hospital (Lt. Col. P. B. Wilkinson)
50145 Sisters Qrt., Kowloon Hospital
50248 Out-patient Dept., Kowloon Hospital
33591 M.O. of Mental Hospital (Dr. G. H. Thomas)
34154 Gen. Office, Mental Hospital
39628 M.O. of Sai Ying Pun Hospital
33760 Gen. Office, Sai Ying Pun Hospital
21990 Tsan Yik (Inf. Dis.) Hospital
58103-4 Lai Chi Kok (Inf. Dis.) Hospital
28104-5 Tung Wah Eastern Hospital
25992 Tung Wah Eastern Hospital
58000 Kwong Wah Hospital
37786-7 Netherland Hospital

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RETROGRADE STEP

The official announcement that Hong Kong is to revert to zone time shortly revives an old controversy. We had thought it well dead and buried, and best left undisturbed. The Japanese, on their arrival in the Colony in 1941, forgot to consult sectional interests as to the wisdom or otherwise of adopting a time varying from meridian time, but promptly introduced Tokyo time, putting Hong Kong approximately nine hours ahead of Greenwich.

This breach with purist tradition was maintained throughout the occupation, and somehow it did not interfere with dock workers getting to their field of labour at the appropriate hour whether it was summer or winter, nor was it found at all upsetting in other spheres. In fact, experience tested over the long period of the Japanese occupation, brought about a complete change of attitude in many who had, in times when these matters could be freely discussed, accepted the views of the zone-time die-hards. The difference in the number of hours of daylight between summer and winter in Hong Kong is not more than two hours a day, so that the season of the year is scarcely of vital significance. What is the only point at issue is whether it is more advantageous to have an earlier dawn or an extra hour of daylight in the evening. And in this, Government, in deciding to revert to zone time, is acting directly contrary to the firm opinion of those who were able to observe Tokyo time in practice over a long period. It also is an interesting fact in connection with the old controversy that Government deferred to the Chamber of Commerce and dropped all its tentative daylight saving suggestions, time after time, until the outbreak of war, when a scheme which if memory serves, provided for one hour summer time and half an hour winter time, was imposed under Emergency Regulations. Presumably, the decision was supported on the ground of military necessity. The more odd, therefore, that a Military Administration should revoke the order. A good many people, we are prepared to believe, are neutral, and care neither one way nor the other, but there is also a very large element, notably, of course, those interested in outdoor recreational facilities after office hours, who will regard the proposed change as putting the clock back in more senses than one.

REPATRIATION OFFICER

9th November, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG C.A.A. MEDICAL BRANCH TELEPHONES

Tel. Nos.
H.Q. MEDICAL
39659 D.D.M.S. (C.A.) (Col. J. P. Philby)
39660 A.D.M.S. (C.A.) (Lt. Col. G. King)
39659 V.M.O., Ch. Hosp. & Disp. (Lt. Col. Y. S. Wan)
39660 Staff Captain (Mr. C. G. Anderson)
39673 Accountant (Mr. C. O. Nicholson)
39683 General Office
39661

HEALTH SECTION

33492 A.D.H. (Lt. Col. T. W. Ware)
39347 Radiologist (Dr. J. B. Wacke)
59700 D.A.D.H. (Kowloon), (Dr. K. C. Yee)
25634 Anti-epidemic M.O. (Dr. P. H. Tang)
25484 Supt. of San. Services (Mr. L. Brewer)
21311 Chief Health Inspector (Mr. J. Reid)
50322 Chief Health Inspector (Kowloon), (Mr. R. R. Wood)
25634 General Office, Hong Kong
58392 General Office, Kowloon

BACTERIOLOGICAL INSTITUTES

31772 Pathologist (Mr. K. T. Loke)
23088 General Office, Hong Kong
58111-2 Assistant Pathologist (Dr. R. E. Alvarez)
50178 General Office, Kowloon

LABORATORIES

24674 Physiologist (Major P. H. Symons)
33190 Biochemist (Major E. G. Eggleston)
32556 General Office

DENTAL CLINICS

20785 Gloucester Building (F. L. Wishart)
31567 King's Building (Mr. F. Shields)

MEDICAL STORES

39669 Chief Pharmacist (Mr. A. Rowland)
25201 North Point Medical Store
HOSPITALS

24201 M.O. of Queen Mary Hospital (Dr. G. V. A. Griffith)
34145 M.O.s Qrt., Queen Mary Hospital
25701 Sisters Qrt., Queen Mary Hospital
34144 Gen. Office, Queen Mary Hospital
59836 M.O. of Kowloon Hospital (Lt. Col. P. B. Wilkinson)
50145 Sisters Qrt., Kowloon Hospital
50248 Out-patient Dept., Kowloon Hospital
33591 M.O. of Mental Hospital (Dr. G. H. Thomas)
34154 Gen. Office, Mental Hospital
39628 M.O. of Sai Ying Pun Hospital
33760 Gen. Office, Sai Ying Pun Hospital
21990 Tsan Yik (Inf. Dis.) Hospital
58103-4 Lai Chi Kok (Inf. Dis.) Hospital
28104-5 Tung Wah Eastern Hospital
25992 Tung Wah Eastern Hospital
58000 Kwong Wah Hospital
37786-7 Netherland Hospital

MEDICAL POSTS AND HEALTH CENTRES

25093 No. 1 Medical Post, Gloucester Building
32093 No. 2 Medical Post, Fire Brigade Building
24063 Medical Post, Central Police Station
20448 Wanchai Health Centre
39663 Wanchai Health Centre
34664 Tai Sha Tsui Health Centre

Dutch Proposals Too Late And Too Vague

LONDON, NOV. 9.
THE DUTCH PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE INDO-NESEAN CONFLICT ARE FAR TOO LATE AND, WHAT IS WORSE, ARE MUCH TOO VAGUE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE INDO-NESEAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT, SAYS THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER THE "TRIBUNE" IN ITS CURRENT ISSUE.

"MOREOVER," ADDS THE "TRIBUNE," "THE SINCERITY OF THE DUTCH IS EXTREMELY LIMITED AND THE VAGUE OFFER HAS BECOME HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE AFTER THE DEPLORABLE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE HAGUE THAT DR. VAN MOOK HAD CONDUCTED HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH DR. SOEKARNO AGAINST THE EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT."

"It is not clear whether the Dutch are still mainly pre-occupied with sterile 'face-saving' or whether the imperialist die-hards, who are determined to prevent any practical concessions, had prevailed."

"In either case, the Dutch are making it impossible for the Indonesians to consider the new proposals as a serious and sincere attempt to find a solution. All this makes our own position increasingly difficult. That British soldiers should be used to help in the dirty business of holding down freedom movements anywhere is a detestable idea for any socialist in this country. But we will not be able to make our protests ring true as long as we concentrate our liberating zeal on foreign rather than on our own colonial possessions."

THE DIFFERENCE
"The Dutch, as well as the French, have repeatedly stressed—not without justification—that there has been more unrest in their own colonial possessions than in British, only because the latter were reoccupied without delay and with vast and fully equipped armies, while only token forces were available for the Dutch and French colonies. Recent information from Burma appears to support this view. Although it had no chance to become active in the same way, there is no doubt that the anti-British nationalist movement of Burma is potentially as strong and as radical as the one in Indonesia."—Reuter.

"A BELATED ADVANCE"

LONDON, NOV. 9.
THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GOVERNMENT, RECOGNISING THE "LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE INDO-NESEAN TOWARDS NATIONAL EXISTENCE," IS DESCRIBED BY THE PERIODICAL "NEW STATESMAN AND NATION" AS "A VICTORY FOR THE MORE PROGRESSIVE SECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT," SUPPORTED BY THE QUEEN AND LED BY DR. VAN MOOK.

The "New Statesman" adds: It is a belated advance on any previous statement. But it is plainly inspired by pre-Pearl Harbour ideas and shows that the Dutch are still unwilling to face the realities of the political-conscious cabinet in Indonesia of distinguished men, many of whom have a long record of service in their country and of the consistent anti-imperialist agitation, both against the Japanese and against their earlier rulers. "The most important of all is the fact that the Central Government of Indonesia would still be dependent on the Dutch Second Chamber, which would have the last word. Yet the Dutch have moved a long way from their position of a few weeks ago, when Dr. Soekarno and his fellow ministers were carelessly dismissed as collaborators and Quislings."

"The Netherlands East Indies Government is not likely to contribute much to restoring the situation in Indonesia," continued the "New Statesman," "and its proposals fall far short of what the Indonesians claim and expect."

\$200,000 A MONTH FOR NIPPIES

Canton, Nov. 8.
The inflation of the national currency, with the consequent rise in prices, has inflicted great hardship on wage-earners in Canton, but it would seem that the restaurant waitresses are an exception.

A certain well-known restaurant on the West Bund is said to do an average daily turnover of CN\$8,000,000, out of which the employees are paid 20 per cent, as perquisites. The sum total that the employees get each month is therefore \$10,000,000. The head-waiter and head-waitress each gets \$200,000, and the waitresses get from \$100,000 to \$200,000 each. It is not such a difficult thing to become a millionaire in Canton these days.—O.O.C.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Peter Davis Stenhouse, first man of the "S. Samneigh," was committed for trial by Captain P. L. Strellett, at the Standing Military Court yesterday, when charged with wounding Edward Cecil Vernon Smith, with intent to murder him, and with inflicting grievous bodily harm upon him.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada assisted by Lieut. M. E. P. Jump was for the prosecution, and Mr. Hin Shing Lo for the defence.

CENTRAL MARKET INCIDENT

Mrs. Alfred X. Hon was complainant in an assault case before the Military Court yesterday, when a 18-year-old spinster Mak Yung was charged.

It was alleged that the girl attacked Mrs. Hon at the Central Market tearing her clothing after they had been bargaining over the price of vegetables.

The girl was fined \$10 and ordered to pay a further \$10 compensation to Mrs. Hon, which she put into the "poor box."

THEFT OF PILLS

For stealing 600 anti-malaria pills from the Royal Naval Dockyard on Wednesday, Tam Lap-20, 20, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Justice yesterday.

Mallaby's Murderers Believed Dead

BATAVIA, NOV. 9.
IT IS REPORTED HERE THAT THE TWO INDO-NESEAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF BRIGADIER MALLABY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY A GRENADE THROWN BY ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF HIS PARTY.

It is also learned that the Brigadier expected death long before he was actually murdered. The two murderers are described as youths of 20.

The body of Brigadier Mallaby, who was murdered on Oct. 30, was delivered to the British at Sourabaya to-day, according to the Netherlands News Agency. He was buried in the Sourabaya airfield.

The burial was attended by high-ranking officers, including Major-General C. Mansergh, Commanding Allied Land Forces in East Java. Three companies of Indian troops from General Mansergh's Fifth Indian Division, and nearly all officers of Brigadier Mallaby's Brigade Headquarters also attended.

Before Brigadier Mallaby was killed, he and the two junior officers who subsequently escaped, had been pinned down under their car for two hours by firing from both sides.

After the Brigadier's death, the murderers approached the car again. The officers threw a grenade at them and then made their escape. Although exposed to fire from the Indonesians' position, the officers heard nothing, and presumed the attackers had been killed by the grenade.—Reuter.

GOUIN IN

Paris, Nov. 9.
The Socialist Deputy, Felix Gouin, was elected on Thursday President of France's Constituent Assembly.

Gouin, who was President of the old Constitutive Assembly, was not opposed. The Assembly cast 512 out of 534 votes for Gouin.—Associated Press.

NEW ASSISTANT BISHOP OF COLOMBO

Colombo, Nov. 9.
The Reverend Lakshma de Mel, a 43 year old Ceylonese priest, was consecrated Assistant Bishop of Colombo here this morning by Metropolitan G. C. Hubback, assisted by ex-Metropolitan Ross Westcott, Bishop Pakenham, Bishop Hollis of Madras and Bishop Korbay of Colombo.

This is the first time that a Ceylonese has been raised to an Anglican Episcopate.

The new Bishop is the oldest son of a former business magnate, the late Sir Henry de Mel.—Reuter.

New Designations In Medical Department

THE FACT THAT THE DESIGNATIONS OF THE OFFICERS IN THE C.A.A. MEDICAL BRANCH OF THE ADMINISTRATION DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH THOSE OF OFFICERS IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE FORMER CIVIL GOVERNMENT MAY CAUSE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION.

THE DESIGNATIONS OF MOST SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL BRANCH ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MILITARY USAGE.

There is no Director of Medical Services in Hong Kong as the Administrative Head of the Medical Branch is styled the Deputy Director of Medical Services (D.D.M.S.). The duties, powers, etc., of the D.D.M.S. (C.A.) include those of the Director of Medical Services and the Chairman of the Urban Council in the former Civil Government.

In addition, this officer exercises the functions of certain statutory bodies including the Urban Council, Medical Board, Dental Board, Nurses Board and Midwives Board.

The Assistant Director of Medical Services is the executive head of the Hospitals section and his duties correspond with those of the Deputy Director of Medical Services in the former Civil Government.

The Assistant Director of Hygiene is the executive head of the Health (and Hygiene) Section and his duties correspond with those of the Deputy Director of Health Services in the former Civil Government.

The Health Section is entrusted with the health activities of the former Medical Department but, in addition, it is responsible for the work formerly undertaken by the Urban Council.

NEW POSTS
In the War Establishment, there are a number of posts for Deputy Assistant Director of Hygiene, although none of these officers has, as yet, arrived in the Colony. The duties, etc., of a Deputy Assistant Director of Hygiene (D.A.D.H.) correspond with those of the Health Officer in the former Civil Government. Each D.A.D.H. will be in a position to be immediately responsible for the health activities of the former Medical Department.

Lady Louisa Sister Robbed

London, Nov. 9.
Lady Delamere, sister of Lady Louisa Mountbatten, was robbed of £4,000 worth of jewellery to-day when thieves broke into her home and rifled it.

The thieves had obviously watched the flat and took advantage of the absence of Lord and Lady Delamere to carry out the raid.

Lady Delamere, with Lady Mountbatten, was co-heiress to the Cassel millions, her share of which was reputed to be £1,000,000.—Reuter.

New Work Scheme

THE GOVERNMENT'S WORK RELIEF SCHEME FOR THE COLONY'S POOR, WHICH WAS WOUND UP ON THE OCTOBER 27, IS TO BE REVIVED AS FROM MONDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 12.

This time, however, it will be on a less ambitious scale. Some hundreds will be engaged for work at Pokfulam clearing the grass and debris and generally cleaning up the place.

They will be divided into 17 squads, each under a foreman, and will be taken to work every morning in motor trucks.

The pay is as before, viz. \$1 a day for labourers and \$2 a day for foremen, with a free mid-day meal. It is expected that the work will be completed in three months.

CORRESPONDENCE

"OFF DUTY HOURS"

Sir,—May we, a few ratings, repeat ratings, add our humble comments to your editorial "Off Duty Hours"?

It is fully realised that under the present conditions Hong Kong is not at its best, also that many of the British residential community is away.

Thank you for not tarring us all with the same brush in respect to the few who overstep the mark, and realising that we do all have a certain amount of good in us as well as bad.

Do social contacts in Hong Kong, in normal times, present difficulties not experienced in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the U.S.A.? We think not. In these countries a kindly and friendly attitude was adopted, which immediately made one feel at home. It didn't matter who or what we were, we were all treated the same. To them we are grateful for happy times, and the opportunity they gave us to know and understand them. They were human, democratic, and above all they were a grand and decent people. Is Hong Kong so different after all? When comparing Ceylon, Bombay, Singapore and Hong Kong with the above we find it difficult to realise that we are amongst, or anywhere near, anything which represents a democracy. A more supercilious, artificial and unnatural English speaking (frightfully English—what?) set of snobs (what price Z.B.W.?) would be hard to find. It is not to be wondered that the Chinese, Europeans and Indians look at them so strangely.

It is regrettable that we have not met any Servicemen who, at present or in the past, have been connected in any way with a part of the civilian social life—Officers, yes, but men, no. We have always been "cold shouldered" and made to feel as if we were social outcasts. Our main "off duty hours" ashore were spent in inter-services sports competitions.

It is apparent that the Servicemen are still looked upon as a degrading element. We, the common people, can't at least of late, mix with anybody, irrespective of colour, class or creed, and realising only too well that they have feelings and are human beings.

We fought this War for democracy, but is it a democracy to close the best hotels, such as the "Elton," "Raffles Bay," "Gloucester Hotel" and "Peninsula Hotel", except to the privileged few, which was the case in peacetime.

We wish to express our appreciation to General Feeling for taking the lead, together with a few other kind people, in an effort to make our leisure periods more pleasant. Unfortunately they have a formidable task. It may even be impossible. Does a leopard change its spots? Will the British community as a whole mix and talk with the ordinary Servicemen? We have our doubts.

SEEING IS BELIEVING.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

Redmans Val: We think your letter is written under a distinct misapprehension as to the true facts. We feel sure its tone would be considerably modified were you acquainted with them.

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Si-ling, 32, by Mr. Leo D'Almada at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for the theft of two suits of clothing from a fellow inmate at No. 24, Kowloon Prison.

NOTICE

Will anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of any records, books, fittings and equipment belonging to the above, kindly communicate with

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Tel. No. 99676

BRITISH MILITARY
ADMINISTRATION
HONG KONG

NOTICE

PUBLIC WORK BRANCH

All persons who under the terms of Proclamation No. 4 Article 3 Regulation 6 have to make application to this department for permission to do building work, will in future do so on a prescribed form.

Copies of this form can be obtained on application to the Building Authority, 10, A. Works Building, St. George's Building, Hong Kong.

The form when filled in will be submitted in duplicate to the Building Authority, and no work will be commenced until formal approval is given.

H. S. ROUSE,
Colonel,
C. A. (Works).

November 9, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION
HONG KONG
SUPPLIES, TRANSPORT AND
INDUSTRY BRANCH

NOTICE

The public is hereby informed:

- Under Regulation No. 6 (Marketing of Fish) Amendment No. 1 of Proclamation No. 4, it is no longer necessary to obtain a permit for the import of dried or salted fish.

- RETAILER'S PERMITS. These permits are required by all persons retailing fresh sea or fresh pond fish. They are not required for the retailing of dried or salted fish. Permits will only be granted to persons who can satisfy the Competent Authority that they conduct or propose to conduct their business in a shop, stall or other approved premises.

Permits will not be granted to street vendors or hawkers. The permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.

EXPORT PERMITS. Export permits are only required for the export of dried or salted fish. Persons wishing to export dried or salted fish must furnish bills, receipts or other documentary evidence of whence they obtained the fish, and details as to quantity and destination of the cargo.

Export permits granted by the Competent Authority must be produced in order to obtain clearance from the Harbour Office for any cargoes of or including dried or salted fish. Export permits are valid only for and in respect of the particular cargo for which they are issued and are automatically cancelled on the expiration of four days from and including the day of issue.

DEALER'S (WHOLESALE) PERMITS. A Dealer's (Wholesale) Permit is required by all persons dealing with wholesale in dried and salted fish. The permit will only be granted if the applicant can prove that the fish is NOT local produce. For the purposes of granting the permit "local produce" shall mean dried or salted fish which is conveyed into the Colony by land, air, or by sea, then by fishing junks and fish carriers licensed by the Harbour Master, and which has been purchased, caught or otherwise procured in any place on land or in any waters WITHIN the area bounded.

On the Westward by the Meridian of 110° 00' 00" East longitude.

On the Eastward by the Meridian of 118° 00' 00" East longitude.

On the Northward by the parallel of 25° 00' 00" North latitude.

On the Southward by the parallel of 18° 00' 00" North latitude.

Applicants for permits will be required to produce Bills of Lading, Cargo Invoices or other shipping documents to substantiate their application.

Dealer's permits are valid only for and in respect of the cargo for which they are issued, and are automatically cancelled on the expiration of one calendar month from the date of issue. The permit may be renewed for a further period of one month at the discretion of the Competent Authority provided that application is made not later than 8 days before the date on which the permit expires.

All permits are issued free of charge.

Applications for permits should be made in writing or in person to the Fisheries Office. In refusing to grant any permit the decision of the Competent Authority is final.

No person may deal wholesale in fresh fish or fresh pond fish.

COLE A. BURGESS.

NOTICE

The Asiatic Petroleum Company requests all former tenants of Shell House to communicate with them within 15 days of this notice.

It will be assumed that failure to do so would mean that such tenants are no longer interested in occupying their former premises.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Ip Kwai Chung (葉國強) has terminated his service since March 1942 as manager of Messrs. Eng Aun Tong (永安堂) and as attorney for Mr. Aw Boon Haw (胡文虎) in Hong Kong and elsewhere and as from that date his powers whether to act as manager of or agent for Messrs. Eng Aun Tong and/or attorney for Mr. Aw Boon Haw has been revoked and that he has no further connection with Messrs. Eng Aun Tong or Mr. Aw Boon Haw.

Dated this 7th day of November 1945.

ENG AUN TONG
PROPRIETOR, AW BOON HAW

THE HONGKONG
JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE

A General Meeting of all persons who were on the 25th December 1941 members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday the 17th day of November, 1945, at 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon, for the purpose of discussing the affairs of the Club generally and to consider what are the possibilities for the early resumption of racing in Hong Kong.

All officers of the Allied forces and officials of the Hongkong Government in Hongkong are cordially invited to attend and their participation in any discussions which may ensue will be very much appreciated.

By order of the Stewards,
H. ROZARIO
Acting Secretary.

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 30
S.S. "ARAWA"

1. Hong Kong passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier at 1.15 p.m. Saturday, 10th November.

2. Kowloon passengers will assemble at Kowloon Godown Wharves at 1.45 p.m. to await embarkation officer.

3. Passengers must NOT board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation cards, which will be issued at assembly points.

4. Passengers will be as listed hereunder, PLUS RAPWI Centre List:—

Rev. J. E. Sandbach
Mr. A. R. H. Phillips
Mr. F. C. Mudie
Mr. H. L. N. Aescough
Mr. G. Lessing
Mr. A. L. Gordon
Mr. B. McLennan
Mr. G. Crookdrake
Mr. A. Andrew
Mr. A. McArthur
Rev. E. Salvador
Rev. C. Pinta
Canon E. W. L. Martin
Mr. D. Wapornal
Mr. H. Awatungh
Mr. C. Kitchendall
Mr. J. Boelchard
Mr. D. S. Engineer
Mr. S. F. Jokhi
Mr. J. D. Taylor
Mr. J. Gardiner
Mr. G. A. Lelper
Mr. L. C. Fennell
Mr. G. E. Yone
Mr. T. McCarthy
Mr. O. G. Smith
Mr. D. Wilson
Mr. A. R. Osborne
Mr. M. L. de Lourance
Mr. A. C. Osborne
Mr. E. N. Osborne
Dr. A. Yarovsky-Groga
Mr. D. B. Ketwell
Mr. N. Visvallyingham
Mr. M. S. Dillon
Mr. S. C. Laluan
Mr. L. L. Kipnani
Mr. T. Yobhan
Mr. P. P. Mehta
5. Mr. A. ORAVEG is listed for the next hospital ship to the United Kingdom.

H. K. Y. D. C.

6. For S.S. "Arawa":
Capt. A. Dand
Sgt. J. Dick
Opl. J. R. Lottin
Lieut. A. M. J. Wright
Opl. G. M. Karpushoff
Spr. J. Frankel

Others previously listed are to wait for the next ship.

REPATRIATION OFFICER

Guerilla War Made Excuse
For Japanese Atrocities

THE GRIM STORY OF THE JAPANESE REIGN OF TERROR IN THE BATANG PROVINCE WHERE 25,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE BRUTALLY MISTREATED OR MURDERED IN SEVEN MONTHS BEGAN TO UNFOLD BEFORE THE MILITARY COURT SESSION HEARING WAR CRIME CHARGES AGAINST LIEUTENANT YAMASHITA.

THE FIRST BATANG WITNESS WAS LIEUTENANT JAMES P. HEALEY, OF SAN FRANCISCO, A WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION OFFICER WHO TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT SOME 6,000 JAPANESE SOLDIERS RAN RAMPANT OVER THE PROVINCE FROM OCTOBER 9, 1944, TO MAY 1 THIS YEAR, COMMITTING ACTS OF BRUTALITY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEIR VICTIMS WERE GUERRILLAS.

A Filipino, Pampilo Umali, related how he was tied up with about 700 men and an undetermined number of women and led off to a well about 800 feet wide and 60 feet deep and, one by one, made to jump into the well.

The Japanese then covered the well with native bamboo sheets after throwing in some rocks, a sewing machine and firing many shots. Six of the men escaped with the aid of Filipino women.

Another witness related a similar experience and said that the well mentioned by Umali was filled with bodies by the time he and 300 others marched to another well.

He dashed to freedom and returned later to find bodies of many men and women with whom he had started on the

U.N.R.R.A.
SUPPLIES

WASHINGTON, NOV. 9.

THE UNITED STATES HAS ALLOCATED TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND FRENCH NORTH AFRICA ABOUT 50 PER CENT MORE FOOD FOR THE OCTOBER-DECEMBER PERIOD THAN WAS AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson told a news conference that 4,000,000 tons of foodstuffs would be earmarked for this form of export.

The countries to which this food is being made available include those served by the UNRRA in South-Eastern Europe, Belgium, The Netherlands, Norway, and Italy, as well as French North Africa.

In addition about 750,000 tons have been allocated to the United Kingdom and about 1,500,000 tons elsewhere, including U.S. territories.

Anderson said he hoped to be able to maintain this increased level during the first quarter of 1946, but added, "We are not promising it."

Anderson said supplies were shortest in Germany and the army is expected to ask for an allocation of supplies for the U.S.-controlled zone. It was indicated that any supplies sent to Germany would be limited largely to potatoes, which are available in large quantities.

Associated Press.

TENDER FOR PINE
TREE SEEDS

Tenders are invited for the supply of 5,000 lbs Pine Tree Seeds. Tenders should be sent in triplicate in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for Seeds" to Central Executive Branch, G.P.O. Building, 1st floor. Tenders will close at noon on Saturday, 17th, November 1945.

T. R. ROWELL,
Col. C.A.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
BRANCH.

8th November, 1945.

"THORNYCROFT"

Our Branch Office has opened temporary premises c/o Messrs Blair & Co., at French Bank Building, 2nd floor, and we shall be obliged if all prospective clients will communicate enquiries to that address during the present emergency period where they will be promptly handled and communicated to our executive who is now proceeding to London to ascertain full details and specifications with prices of latest models on all lines of our products:—

Vehicles—Petrol/Diesel.

Marine Engines—Petrol/Diesel.

Boilers—Water Tube.

Motor Boats & Water Craft of all description.

Our Hong Kong & China office is a Direct Branch of—

Messrs. JOHN I. THORNYCROFT

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MANILA, NOV. 9.

Lieut-Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham has been appointed High Commissioner of Palestine. He succeeds Lord Gort who resigned because of poor health. The Colonial Office announced the appointment to the position in one of the world's current "hot spots."—Associated Press.

Lord Gort's
Successor

London, Nov. 9.

British Force
Gets Through

SAIGON, NOV. 9.

BRITISH TROOPS ARE FORAGING FAR INTO THE INTERIOR OF FRENCH INDU-CHINA ALONG THE INTRICATE CANAL SYSTEM WHICH FANS OUT OVER THE COUNTRY.

Passing through a narrow waterway more than 50 miles long they eventually reached the wide Nanking River. Annamite troops on the banks repeatedly called on them to stop but the orders were ignored and the British continued towards their objective, Prompenh.

After embarking food supplies, including large stocks of rice, they began the return journey. The Annamites were now expecting them and had blocked one of the canals with sunken craft.

Though there was constant fire from Annamites on the banks the party cleared the sunken ships and forced a passage.—Reuter.

GOLD PRICE

Pretoria, Nov. 9.

The Union Minister of Finance, in a statement on his recent visit to Britain, said that the maintenance of the present Sterling-Dollar exchange rate, which means the maintenance of the gold price at the present level, seemed to be the settled policy of the British Government.—Reuter.

Stalin's Health:
Rumours Persist

MOSCOW, NOV. 9.

STALIN, IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED IN MOSCOW, SPENT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION AT SOCHI ON THE BLACK SEA COAST, WHERE HE IS ON HOLIDAY.

THE RUSSIAN MAN IN THE STREET, THOUGH DISAPPOINTED, DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE UNDULY SURPRISED THAT STALIN DID NOT RETURN TO MOSCOW FOR THE ANNIVERSARY.

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In Paris a French news agency quotes a report from its Moscow correspondent stating that Stalin is in a nursing home at Gagra, near Sochi, owing to a sudden turn for the worse in his health.

Liverpool More
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Liverpool, Nov. 9.

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It is reported that a question will be shortly asked in Parliament by Mr. Morley-Saunders Conservative Members of Parliament, with the object of obtaining a more definite statement on the Government's policy with regard to the raw cotton question of the cotton trade.

Cunningham
For Palestine

LONDON, NOV. 9.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR ALAN CUNNINGHAM HAS BEEN APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE, IN SUCCESSION TO FIELD MARSHAL LORD GORT.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

General Cunningham, who is 68 years old, was first commissioned in 1906. He served through the two World Wars.

In 1940 he commanded the famous 51st Highland Division. He was in charge of the successful campaign in Abyssinia in 1941.

Under his leadership, the British Eighth Army began its famous advance in North Africa in 1941. Since 1944 he has been the General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, in England.

General Cunningham has the distinction of being the only British General who did not attend the Staff College. One of his frequently quoted sayings is: "Give me mobility and you can have your thousands of bayonets." This he put into practice in his East African advance of 1940.

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Atomic Bomb And Big Three Relationships

LONDON, NOV. 9. THE ATOM-BOMB PROBLEM AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE "BIG THREE" OCCUPY MOST OF THE LEADER SPACE IN THE BRITISH PRESS TODAY. WITH COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SPEECHES OF FOREIGN MINISTER BEVIN AND MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

THE "TIMES" DESCRIBES M. MOLOTOV'S ANNIVERSARY SPEECH AS "STATESMANLIKE" AND SAYS THAT THERE IS NOTHING EITHER IN THE TONE OR TENOR OF IT TO SUGGEST THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS OUT OF REACH.

The "Times" adds that although Prime Minister Attlee's impending visit to Washington served as a text of yesterday's House of Commons discussions, it was "apparent from their course that in the minds of most members the dominant issue in international affairs to-day is not so much as the relations between Britain and the United States, about whose friendly and intimate character there is happily little new to be said, but the relations between those countries and the Soviet Union."

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Jews Reach Haifa

JERUSALEM, NOV. 9. 879 JEWS FROM SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARRIVED AT HAIFA YESTERDAY ABOARD THE "PRINCESS CATHERINE" FROM TARANTO.

A police mobile force stood by with rifles, armed cars and machine-guns ready for any emergency, but no trouble developed, and there was no special tension. The new arrivals appeared happy and are planning to settle in the agricultural colonies.

Most of them have spent recent months in an UNRRA camp in Italy where they received their certificates for entering Palestine from the Allied Control Commission.—Associated Press.

MR. ATTLEE TO ADDRESS CONGRESS

Washington, Nov. 9. Prime Minister Attlee will be invited to address Congress, member of the House of Representatives Rayburn said today. The exact date has not been specified.

The British Press Association, meanwhile, has reported that Mr. Attlee will definitely address Congress on his Washington visit to discuss the atomic energy with President Truman.—Associated Press.

Push-Button War Prophet

WASHINGTON, NOV. 9. A PUSH-BUTTON WAR WITH THE HEARTS OF AMERICA'S LARGEST CITIES BLASTED FROM BACK ROOMS OF FOREIGN CONSULATES IS ENVISIONED BY THE SENATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE'S CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISER, DOCTOR EDWARD D. CONDON.

He declares that such a prospect confronts the nation unless a world organization is created with complete powers to know what is being done everywhere.

Doctor Condon, in an article for an army ordinance magazine, said it was easy to visualize foreign agents bringing in atomic bombs in small sections under the cover of diplomatic immunity, assembling them in the back rooms of Embassies and Consulates and then setting them off when the decision to make war was reached.—Associated Press.

Three-Power Talk After?

LONDON, NOV. 9. WILL AN ATOMIC ENERGY CONFERENCE BE HELD BETWEEN BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA AFTER THE FORTHCOMING ATLEE-TRUMAN-MOLOTOV MEETING IN WASHINGTON?

Informed political quarters consider that such a meeting might be a logical sequel to the present discussions if the three statesmen agree that atomic energy research should be internationalized.

The British cabinet yesterday held its final meeting before Mr. Attlee's departure for Washington. In his absence, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, will act in his stead.—Reuters.

KWONG WAH TO PLAY K.A.F.

The Kwong Wah Athletic Association will be paying a representative team from the K.A.F. at the Club de Recreio ground, King's Park at 6.10 p.m. today.

A good game can be expected as both will be playing quite strong teams.

Kwong Wah's president, Mr. W. J. Brown, is making every effort to revive the game in Kowloon and, if his previous efforts can be taken as any criterion, Kwong Wah should soon regain its former position as one of the leading teams in the Colony.

In their first appearance this season, on Thursday last, they did well by drawing with a team from the Commandos (Headquarters Unit) but lack of practice showed itself.

Unfortunately Kwong Wah, like all Civilian Clubs in the Colony, has no ground available for practice; all available grounds having been appropriated by the Services.

Mr. Brown is bringing the matter to the notice of the Services Sports Board at their weekly meeting on Monday and will propose that one of the Kowloon grounds be allocated to Kowloon civilian clubs.

Kwong Wah's team for to-day's game will be chosen from the following: Lee Kwok Koo, Ho Kar Kung, Wong Shiu Koo, Lo Shu Kat, Chung Fai Lam, Young Tao Tsang, Chung Kim Fai, Pok Yiu Wah, Chow Man Chi, Chan Tak Fai, Chan Wai Sang, Cheuk Shuk Kam, Wong King Chung, Law Wing Koo, Ling Chi Lap, Fung Kwai Sing, Chung Wai Shui, Wan Shu Ying, Young Poon Wang and Young Poon Hong.

The British Boxing Control has been approached to sanction the bout to be regarded as for the championship of the British Isles. Portor boat Jack London on points a few days after London had lost the heavy-weight title to Woodcock.—Reuters.

NEW OUTBURST IN TRIPOLITANIA

CAIRO, NOV. 9. ARAB MOBS, CHARGING INTO THE JEWISH QUARTER OF ZANZUR, WEST TRIPOLI, KILLED 30 JEWS, INCLUDING CHILDREN IN A NEW OUTBURST OF RIOTING IN TRIPOLITANIA, BRITISH SOURCES REPORT.

A COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE ARABS SET FIRE TO A SYNAGOGUE AND HOUSES, LOOTED HOMES AND STAGED "A PARTICULARLY BRUTAL ATTACK."

New Crimes Uncovered

Kandy, Nov. 9. Hundreds of starving civilians were murdered on the little island of Tarnuval in the South Andaman Islands, about 500 miles to the southwest of Rangoon, during July and August of this year because they stole Japanese Army rations, S.E.A.C. stated today.

The evidence of this Japanese atrocity was discovered by the British Field troops, working with the 116th Indian Infantry Brigade.

All Japanese who took part in this mass murder are now behind barbed-wire on Ross Island. Search parties are scouring the area for evidence of further atrocities which is feared to have yet to be uncovered.—Reuters.

MANSERGH DEMANDS SURRENDER OF SOERABAYA

(Continued from page 1)

Some other Eurasians preferred to stay behind.

The Magelang area is again facing "difficulties" in dealing with the Indonesians, but Brigadier Bethell reports that he is in a position to cope with any further outbreak.

Further details of Major-General Mansergh's ultimatum to the "Governor-General" of Soerabaya, Dr. Soerjo, which expires at 6 a.m. (local time) Saturday, shows that the demands include the arrest of the leaders of the Indonesian Youth Movement, the Police Chief and the head of the Radio Station by 6 p.m. to-day.

The Indonesians were also ordered to return in good condition all hostages they hold. The ultimatum demanded that the Soerabaya leaders must be prepared to sign a document of unconditional surrender.—Reuters and Associated Press.

COLOMBO BANK STRIKE

Colombo, Nov. 9. The week-old strike of about 1,000 bank clerks and 500 menial servants, which has been paralysing banking activities in the island during the busiest first week of the month, ended today.

The call to down their pens was given by the Bank Clerks' Union on November 1, when protracted negotiations with the banks and Government over conditions of service and provident fund pension schemes failed to produce an agreement.—Reuters.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

London, Nov. 9. Horacio Cunnor, the Arsenal outside-left, just demobilised from the Royal Marines, will fill the vacancy at inside-left in the Welsh team to meet Scotland at Soccer at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, caused by the withdrawal of Lucas of Swindon town, who was injured in a previous match.

The three Birmingham players chosen for Wales, Hughes, Dearn and Edwards, are held up on the Continent, though, for, but hope to get back to-morrow.—Reuters.

LONDON BOXING

London, Nov. 9. The British heavy-weight champion, Bruce Woodcock, has been matched against Jack Porter, Scottish heavy-weight. The contest will be 10 rounds, and will take place at the Albert Hall on Nov. 23.

The British Boxing Control has been approached to sanction the bout to be regarded as for the championship of the British Isles. Portor boat Jack London on points a few days after London had lost the heavy-weight title to Woodcock.—Reuters.

Communist Capture Of Shansi Town Reported

CROWD FIRED ON

Bucharest, Nov. 9. Six persons were killed or wounded when troops fired on crowds outside the Royal Palace during a solemn funeral ceremony. Machine-guns were fired directly into the small crowds at one of the square entrances. News correspondents could see six dead or wounded lying in the street, looking from their hotel windows.—Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, NOV. 9. A CHINESE DISPATCH REPORTED TO-DAY THAT CHINESE COMMUNIST TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE SHANSI RAILROAD TOWN OF CHIAO CHENG AND HAVE BEGUN THE MASSACRE OF ITS CIVIL SERVANTS AND KUOMINTANG PARTY MEMBERS. THE DISPATCH ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEFENDERS OF THE TOWN WITHDREW ON SATURDAY AFTER THEIR AMMUNITION HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED.

The report said that fighting continued with unabated fury in other parts of Shansi, with the Reds assaulting four towns. Communists at Yen-an alleged that Chiang Kai-shek's armies were on a large-scale offensive.

Chou En-lai called a "complete [to] the Government" claims that the Nationalists have been and would remain solely on the defensive.

More than 70 Government divisions are massed around the "liberated" areas of Honan province, and Hebei province is surrounded by more than 20 Government divisions, the spokesman added.

Chou En-lai said he would propose that a neutral committee be set up to report on war conditions and inquire into the activities of United States troops in the disputed areas.

He said that captured documents revealed that even while the Communist and Government parleys were taking place in October, Chiang Kai-shek had issued orders to his generals to liquidate the Communists in the northern provinces.

Yenan Communists have demanded as their price for peace in China that the Central Government withdraw all their troops from Communist dominated "liberated" areas in North China.

Chou En-lai, Yen-an negotiator here and number two Chinese Communist, announced the Yen-an answer to the Kuomintang peace proposals shortly after reports that the Russians had withdrawn from the Manchurian ports of Huliao and Yingkow, leaving the Chinese Reds in command, which heightened the already tense situation.

The worried looking Communist representative told newsmen the Yen-an reply and said he would deliver it to the Nationalist Government officials later.

The situation appears dangerous, he said.

RED ACCUSATION

The Communist newspaper "New China Daily News" to-day renewed charges that Americans are interfering in China's internal affairs alleging that a unit of American troops had spearheaded 300 Chinese Government soldiers in the taking over of Liu-Shou-Ying railway station on the Peiping-Mukden line and also arrested Communists in the nearby village of Tuishang without fighting in either case.

RACING AT FANLING AGAIN

Fanling is coming into its own again, and towards the end of this month, on Sunday, November 25 to be exact, the Hong River Race Track will witness the first "Meeting" to be held in the Colony since the Japanese surrender.

The Meeting, officially known as the Victory Meeting, will be in aid of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief's Hong Kong District Fund.

Under the provisional management of 5 Commando, flat races, steeplechases, jumping and Gymkhana events should attract a large crowd. For punters, there will be a totalisator.

The course and sidesteps open at 11.30 a.m. and the first saddling bell is at 12.45 p.m. Luncheon baskets and buffet will be obtainable on the course.

There will be no difficulty about transport, as trams and motor transport have been organised. A special train leaves Kowloon station at 10.15 a.m. and returns, from Sheung Shui, at 0.15 p.m. Transport will be provided from Shatin to the course.

Admission charges are officers and civilians \$5; H.M. Forces \$1.

SWEDES MAY LOSE RECORDS

New York, Nov. 9. An executive of the National Amateur Athletic Union here said that if the offences charged against the Swedish champion runners Arne Anderson and Gunder Haegg were committed some time ago, they are likely to be deprived of their world records.

An amateur athlete convicted of professionalism can never regain his amateur standing in either the United States or Sweden under the present rules.—Associated Press.

ICE HOCKEY

Montreal, Nov. 9. The Toronto Maple Leafs holders of the Stanley Cup and World Champions in Ice Hockey, lost by three goals to four to the Boston Bruins, one-time favourites for last year's cup, at Toronto to-night.

The Leafs, after netting twice in the first six minutes faded out for the remainder of the game. This was the only game played.—Reuters.

U.S. GOLF TOURNEY

Pinehurst, Nov. 9. Army Lieutenant Cary Milledoll, Memphis amateur, won the South-open golf tournament yesterday with a seventy-two hole score of 280, five strokes ahead of Denny Shute of Akron, Ohio.

Ren Hogan came third with 286 strokes.—Associated Press.

CHANNEL COLLISION

London, Nov. 9. The 8,000-ton American Liberty ship "Arthur Rizor" suffered hull damage last night in a collision with the 4,600-ton British ship "Berkley" off Godwin Sands, on the south-east coast of England.—Associated Press.

BUCHAREST OUTBREAK

Bucharest, Nov. 9. The Russian General Control Commission here today denounced the fire of troops and halted furious rioting which took place between Communists and supporters of Mihail.—Associated Press.

Parcels For Jap. Civilians

The Garrison Commander, Kowloon, has given permission for parcels to be handed in for the benefit of Japanese civilians in Whiffeld Barracks.

This concession does not apply to military prisoners and is subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) Parcels may only contain warm clothing.
- (2) The inclusion of any other article, including messages, money, food, etc. is forbidden.
- (3) Parcels are to be handed in at Royal Marine H.Q., Austin Road, and not at Whiffeld Barracks. They will be searched there and, if passed, will be handed to the internment camp.
- (4) Every parcel will be labelled with the name and room number (if known) of the internee for whom it is intended.

Wedemeyer Warned By Communists

CHUNGKING, NOV. 9. GENERAL WEDEMAYER TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TO-DAY AT SHANGHAI THAT COMMUNIST ARMY REPRESENTATIVES HAD WARNED HIM AGAINST TRYING TO LAND TROOPS AT WEI-HAI-WEI NEAR TSINGTAO AND HAD PROTESTED THAT THE AMERICANS HAD RAIDED THE TIENTSIN OFFICE OF THE COMMUNISTS.

GENERAL WEDEMAYER SAID THAT THE LATTER MATTER HAD BEEN REFERRED TO MAJOR-GENERAL KELLER ROCKEY, COMMANDER OF THE THIRD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS CORPS.

Wedemeyer said his forces had been involved in only minor skirmishes and that his troops were definitely not provoking troubles.

This is the first official acknowledgement of United States troops participating at all in the trouble.

Wedemeyer reiterated that it was his mission solely to help the Central Government repatriate Japanese troops, pointing out that there are 1,800,000 Japanese in China, with 40 per cent still carrying arms.

Because of the shipping shortage, he expects repatriation to require several months.

LEAVING FOR CHUNGKING General Wedemeyer arrived in China on Tuesday, flew to Shanghai from Peiping on Thursday and is leaving to-day for Chungking to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

He emphasises that the United States will continue to support the Central Government but will not become involved in fratricidal warfare.

"We are not supposed to take aggressive action against any Chinese, except to protect American lives and property."

He asserted that only 6,300 United States Army personnel will remain in the China theatre by the first of next year—but these troops are in addition to the 53,000 marines in North China.—Associated Press.

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1.00 p.m.—News and announcements.

1.10 p.m.—"Donald Poon"—E.N.S.A.

1.35 a.m.—Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Sp.).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down

6.30 p.m.—"The Swan Lake"—Ballet Music.

7.00 p.m.—News and Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Buddy Featherstonhaugh & Bying Band—E.N.S.A.

7.30 p.m.—Some Popular Classics.

9.05 p.m.—"Melody Lane"—E.N.S.A.

9.30 p.m.—"Passing Show"—E.N.S.A. Orchestra—E.N.S.A.

9.50 p.m.—News and announcements.

10.10 p.m.—Tito Salpa & The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—"Made with a LAM"—E.N.S.A.

10.00 p.m.—News from London.

10.05 p.m.—Loophole Block and The Philharmonia Symphony Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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